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S E C R E T AMMAN 0689

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, JO, MO, US

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE FOR MOROCCO

REF: AMMAN 687, AMMAN 688 (NOTAL)

1. KING AND LATER RIFAI WERE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ME  
LATE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 8 ABOUT ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO.

2. BOTH REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE DISCUSSED QUESTION OF  
REPLACEMENT FOR THEIR F-5A'S WITH MOROCCAN DELEGATION HERE.  
RIFAI SAID MOROCCANS HAVE TOLD JORDANIANS THAT THEY WOULD  
AGREE TO REPLACE JORDANIAN F-5A'S ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS

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FROM F-5E'S NOW OR EXPECTED SOON TO BE ON ORDER FOR

MOROCCO IN US FMS PROGRAM. NEITHER KING NOR RIFAI KNEW WHETHER PROGRAM IS FMS CASH OR CREDIT. RIFAI HAD SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS. HE SAID MOROCCANS EXPECTED DELIVERY OF FIRST OF THEIR AIRCRAFT IN 15 TO 18 MONTHS AND THAT THEY AGREED TO TURN OVER THESE F-5E'S TO JORDAN AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, UNTIL JORDANIAN F-5A'S FULLY REPLACED. KING AND RIFAI ASKED ME TO CONFIRM FOR THEM ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOROCCAN AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION, AND FOR USG TO EXPEDITE PERMISSION TO TRANSFER JORDANIAN F-5A'S. APPARENTLY MOROCCAN DELEGATION HERE MAKES POINT THAT IT IS DESPERATE FOR AIRCRAFT AND WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NORMALLY A NOTIFICATION PERIOD FOR PLACING BEFORE CONGRESS PROPOSALS TO AGREE TO TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT AND THAT PERIOD IS POSSIBLY TEN DAYS. WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF DEPARMENT WOULD ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN ANY REPLY TO KING TOGETHER WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPEDITING THIRD-COUNTRY TRANSFER PERMISSION INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A WAIVER FOR ANY REQUIRED WAITING PERIOD. JORDANIANS OBVIOUSLY FEEL THEIR INITIAL BURST OF GENEROSITY HAS NETTED THEM AN EXCELLENT DEAL AND THEY ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO FOLLOW UP QUICKLY. PICKERING UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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